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## **ACWA Presents Leadership Award to Carmichael Water District General Manager Steve Nugent**

*Honored for Collaborative Regional Integrated Water Management Efforts*

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** – The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) today presented its 2018 Excellence in Water Leadership Award to Carmichael Water District General Manager Steve Nugent for his leadership and commitment to collaborative regional integrated water management through the American River Pipeline Conveyance Project.

Working with Aerojet and the Golden State Water Company through an innovative public-private partnership, Nugent led the district in implementing the project, which recovers 10,000 acre feet of remediated groundwater annually for beneficial use within the region.

The American River Pipeline Conveyance Project not only ensures a clean water supply for neighboring Golden State Water Company customers, it also provides an additional water supply for Carmichael Water District to help guard against future droughts, and included extensive environmental restoration along the American River. The project has been recognized with awards from the American Water Resources Association and the Sacramento Environmental Commission.

“Steve has demonstrated remarkable leadership throughout his career but especially with regard to the American River Pipeline Conveyance Project,” said ACWA President Brent Haste. “His commitment to collaborative integrated regional water management resulted in an important and highly successful regional water infrastructure project, and his innovative approach to public-private partnerships serves as a model for future efforts.”

The Excellence in Water Leadership Award – *Building a World of Difference*<sup>®</sup> recognizes individuals (and groups of individuals) who have made a remarkable and visible contribution to California water. The award, sponsored by Black & Veatch Corporation, was presented during ACWA’s 2018 Spring Conference & Exhibition in Sacramento where more than 1,300 local water officials are gathered through Friday for programs and panel discussions on a variety of key water issues.

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